

## Abstract

A water based ink composition for a ballpoint pen which is comprises an alkali-swelling associative thickener comprising a polymer having a carboxyl group and a hydrophobic group, a pigment, a polar solvent containing water, a pH controlling agent and other additives. It is a water based ink composition which is stable over a long period of time without settling of the pigment itself and can be filled into a ballpoint pen having simplified ink free type structure as is the case with a ballpoint pen using an oil based ink.